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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-5-14

SUBJECT: FNM – NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATION NRCS
EMPLOYEES 7TH ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

ACTION DUE BY: JUNE 29, 2005

Purpose. To request nominations for attendance at the APIO Training Conference.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2005.

The National Asian Pacific Islander Organization (APIO) hosts its 7th Annual Training Conference in Wichita, Kansas, the week of August 8 – 12, 2005. This year's theme is *Diversity in Conservation*.

A block of rooms has been reserved under APIO or Asian Pacific Islander Organization at the Marriott Hotel at 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, Kansas 67207. The room rate is \$67.00 per night. Call the Marriott Hotel for reservations at 1-800-610-0673 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST. Reservations must be made on or before **July 23, 2005** to guarantee the Federal lodging.

NRCS does not require employees to attend this training; however, NRCS supports attendance to attend on a voluntary basis. Employees who will be attending this training must first have approval of their supervisor. **Time spent traveling outside work hours to and from this training is not considered hours of work for overtime or compensatory time.**

Supervisors, please provide Charles Montgomery via email the names of those requesting approval and the justification to attend this meeting *on government time and expense* **no later than June 29, 2005.** Registration fees will be handled by Laurie Otte at the State Office.

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